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**GOVERNOR JOHN P. BUCHANAN**  
**(1847-1930)**  
**1891-1893**

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## INTRODUCTION

This finding aid covers the gubernatorial papers of Tennessee Governor John P. Buchanan, who served from 1891-1893. It consists of twenty-three boxes of materials that consist of correspondence, applications for requisitions, application for reward, petitions for pardons, and miscellaneous materials.

There are no restrictions on the use of the materials and researchers may make copies of individual items for individual or scholarly use.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

### **John Price Buchanan**

(Farm-Labor)

Of pioneer stock, Buchanan was born in 1847 in Williamson County. He was a farmer and a moving spirit in the Farmers' Alliance, the support of which won him the governor's seat in 1890. Farmers hoped his election would ensure relief for their problems, but his administration was consumed with the insurrection of the coal miners of eastern Tennessee, reacting to being put out of work by the convict lease system. The violence was brought under control by the state guard, and led to the abandonment of the system. Buchanan established secondary schools and the Confederate pension program. He had served two terms in the legislature and one as governor when he returned to farming. He died in 1930.

Source: *Tennessee Blue Book*, 1999-2000, p. 478.

## CONTAINER LIST

### Microfilm Roll #1

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#### Box 1

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| 1. Correspondence – Governor John P. Buchanan | 1890-1892 |
| 2. Correspondence – General – Adams-Burroughs | 1890      |
| 3. Correspondence – General – Caldwell-Custis | 1890      |
| 4. Correspondence – General – Darden-Freeman  | 1890      |
| 5. Correspondence – General – Galloway-Hunt   | 1890      |
| 6. Correspondence – General – Jarvis-Lyon     | 1890      |

#### Box 2

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| 1. Correspondence – General – Mace-Myers      | 1890 |
| 2. Correspondence – General – Naff-Norris     | 1890 |
| 3. Correspondence – General – Parrish-Price   | 1890 |
| 4. Correspondence – General – Quinn-Ryan      | 1890 |
| 5. Correspondence – General – Taylor-Turney   | 1890 |
| 6. Correspondence – General – Savage-Swiggart | 1890 |
| 7. Correspondence – General – Vaden-Yearwood  | 1890 |

#### Box 3

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| 1. Correspondence – General – Adams-Ballew   | 1891 |
| 2. Correspondence – General – Barbee-Billingsley   | 1891 |
| 3. Correspondence – General – Blake-Bruton   | 1891 |
| 4. Correspondence – General – Cage-Clift   | 1891 |
| 5. Correspondence – General – Brookshire-Byrne   | 1891 |
| 6. Correspondence – General – Coffman-Currey   | 1891 |
| 7. Correspondence – General – Dabney-DeWitt  | 1891 |
| 8. Mrs. Jefferson Davis to Governor Buchanan, July 11,<br>Re: Permanent burial site for President Davis. | 1891 |
| 9. Correspondence – General – Dill-Dwyer   | 1891 |

#### Box 4

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| 1. Correspondence – General – Eakins-Fritts     | 1891 |
| 2. Correspondence – General – Gardner-Guthrie   | 1891 |
| 3. Correspondence – General – Hackett-Heaton    | 1891 |
| 4. Correspondence – General – Heiskell-Hunter   | 1891 |
| 5. Correspondence – General – Irby-Jordan       | 1891 |
| 6. Correspondence – General – Katzenberger-Knox | 1891 |
| 7. Correspondence – General – Ladd-Lynn         | 1891 |

**Box 5**

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| 1. Correspondence – General – Mackey-Mitchell | 1891 |
| 2. Correspondence – General – Moon-Myers      | 1891 |
| 3. Correspondence – General – McCallum-McRee  | 1891 |
| 4. Correspondence – General – Neal-Norton     | 1891 |
| 5. Correspondence – General – Ochs-Peebles    | 1891 |
| 6. Correspondence – General – Patton-Preston  | 1891 |

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| 7. Correspondence – General – Quinted-Ritchie    | 1891 |
| 8. Correspondence – General – Rathuer-Rutherford | 1891 |

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| 1. Correspondence – General – Salvage-Skillern | 1891 |
| 2. Correspondence – General – Slater-Smith     | 1891 |
| 3. Correspondence – General – Sneed-Swope      | 1891 |
| 4. Correspondence – General – Taliaferro-Tyler | 1891 |
| 5. Correspondence – General – Underwood-Vick   | 1891 |
| 6. Correspondence – General – Waddell-West     | 1891 |
| 7. Correspondence – General – Westbrook-Wright | 1891 |
| 8. Correspondence – General – Yates-Young      | 1891 |

**Box 7**

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| 1. Correspondence – General – Abernathy-Bates     | 1892 |
| 2. Correspondence – General – Baxter-Burkett      | 1892 |
| 3. Correspondence – General – Caldwell-Cunningham | 1892 |
| 4. Correspondence – General – Dabney-Drake        | 1892 |
| 5. Correspondence – General – Edwards-Fry         | 1892 |
| 6. Correspondence – General – Galbrath-Hawkins    | 1892 |
| 7. Correspondence – General – Head-Huntington     | 1892 |
| 8. Correspondence – General – Ingle-Lyon          | 1892 |
| 9. Correspondence – General – Mahoney-Morrison    | 1892 |

**Box 8**

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| 1. Correspondence – General – Neblett-Pryor    | 1892 |
| 2. Correspondence – General – Quarles-Rymer    | 1892 |
| 3. Correspondence – General – Scholer-Stockard | 1892 |
| 4. Correspondence – General – Tylor-Tyson      | 1892 |
| 5. Correspondence – General – Vetter-Wise      | 1892 |
| 6. Correspondence – General – Wheatley-Young   | 1892 |

**Box 9**

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| 1. Correspondence to other than Governor<br>Anderson-Knox     | 1891      |
| 2. Correspondence to other than Governor<br>Ledbetter-Yoe     | 1891      |
| 3. Correspondence to other than Governor<br>Anderson-Woodruff | 1892      |
| 4. Telegrams  | 1891-1893 |

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**Box 10**

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| 1. Correspondence Re: District Tax Claims – Jarvis-Smith  | 1864-1866 |
| 2. Correspondence Re: District Tax Claims – Leftwich  | 1890      |
| 3. Correspondence Re: District Tax Claims – Allen-Winn  | 1891      |
| 4. Correspondence Re: District Tax Claims – Butter-Walkup   | 1892      |
| 5. Special Subject: First Biennial Report of the<br>Ladies Hermitage Association January 28,        | 1891      |
| 6. Special Subject: Proclamations   | 1891-1892 |
| 7. Special Subject: First Message to the<br>47 <sup>th</sup> General Assembly delivered January 19, | 1891      |
| 8. Special Subject: Takes oath of office January 19,  | 1891      |

**Box 11**

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| 1. County Reports – | 1891-1892 |
| 2. County Reports – | 1892      |

**Box 12**

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| 1. County Reports –         | 1892      |
| 2. Miscellaneous Material – | 1890-1893 |

**Box 13**

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| 1. Applications for Requisition – Baird-Buchanan   | 1891 |
| 2. Applications for Requisition – Carnell-Crenshaw | 1891 |
| 3. Applications for Requisition – Darnell-Fudge    | 1891 |
| 4. Applications for Requisition – Givinn-Jones     | 1891 |
| 5. Applications for Requisition – Killday-Littrell | 1891 |

**Box 14**

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| 1. Applications for Requisition – Martin-Olive    | 1891 |
| 2. Applications for Requisition – Pace-Russell    | 1891 |
| 3. Applications for Requisition – Smiddy-Standard | 1891 |
| 4. Applications for Requisition – Tennerson-Zink  | 1891 |

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**Box 15**

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| 1. Applications for Reward – Anderson-English | 1891-1893 |
| 2. Applications for Reward – Geer-Lewis       | 1891      |
| 3. Applications for Reward – McBride-Stewart  | 1891      |
| 4. Applications for Reward – Wilder-Wright    | 1891      |

**Box 16**

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| 1. Petition for Pardon – Acuff-Bivens    | 1891 |
| 2. Petition for Pardon – Bomar-Byrd      | 1891 |
| 3. Petition for Pardon – Cannon-Culley   | 1891 |
| 4. Petition for Pardon – Davidson-Durham | 1891 |

**Box 17**

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| 1. Petition for Pardon – Elwood-Foster     | 1891 |
| 2. Petition for Pardon – Francis-French    | 1891 |
| 3. Petition for Pardon – Gaines-Gunn       | 1891 |
| 4. Petition for Pardon – Henderson-Johnson | 1891 |
| 5. Petition for Pardon – Kelley-Long       | 1891 |

**Box 18**

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| 1. Petition for Pardon – Maddox-Onkst     | 1891 |
| 2. Petition for Pardon – Palmer-Prior     | 1891 |
| 3. Petition for Pardon – Ramsey-Syder     | 1891 |
| 4. Petition for Pardon – Talley-Vincent   | 1891 |
| 5. Petition for Pardon – Wallace-Yarbough | 1891 |

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**Box 19**

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| 1. Application for Requisition – Ames-Crisp     | 1892 |
| 2. Application for Requisition – Dale-Frank     | 1892 |
| 3. Application for Requisition – Gale-Jones     | 1892 |
| 4. Application for Requisition – Kenny-Owen     | 1892 |
| 5. Application for Requisition – Ralston-Strain | 1892 |
| 6. Application for Requisition – Taylor-Wilson  | 1892 |

**Box 20**

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| 1. Petition for Pardon – Acree-Bivins    | 1892 |
| 2. Petition for Pardon – Bledsow-Byrd    | 1892 |
| 3. Petition for Pardon – Camp-Clayton    | 1892 |
| 4. Petition for Pardon – Cole-Curton     | 1892 |
| 5. Petition for Pardon – Dallas-Dismukes | 1892 |
| 6. Petition for Pardon – Donnis-Durham   | 1892 |

**Box 21**

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| 1. Petition for Pardon – Easley-Fulton | 1892 |
| 2. Petition for Pardon – Gaines-Guthey | 1892 |

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| 3. Petition for Pardon – Hailey-Hynes     | 1892 |
| 4. Petition for Pardon – Jackson-Judd     | 1892 |
| 5. Petition for Pardon – Keith-Kirkendale | 1892 |

**Box 22**

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| 1. Petition for Pardon – Lancaster-McMartin | 1892 |
| 2. Petition for Pardon – Miller-Pullen      | 1892 |
| 3. Petition for Pardon – Rafferty-Shumate   | 1892 |
| 4. Petition for Pardon – Simes-Swallows     | 1892 |

**Box 23**

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| 1. Petition for Pardon – Talley-Young | 1892 |
| 2. Petition for Pardon – B-S          | 1893 |